

NDE Bulletin
June 23, 2011

FEDERAL FINANCIAL TIMELINES

Contact: Financial Services or program staff in the Contact Us link on every page of the GMS found at:
<http://www.education.ne.gov/gms/contactlist.pdf>

Two files were posted today on the Federal Programs homepage at:
<http://www.education.ne.gov/federalprograms/Index.html> One file, named “Unbudgeted 2011 Funds 6/21/2011”, lists all Districts/ESUs with unbudgeted federal funds. The other file, “Final Reports needed 6/21/2011” lists all Districts/ESUs that will need to submit Reimbursement Requests and/or Final Reports. All grants in the Grants Management System (GMS) must have a Final Report to close out the current year and identify any available carryover of unexpended funds. Reimbursement Requests can and should be submitted as soon as federal funds are expended. This year, it is very important to submit Final Reports as soon as all grant funds are spent since the ARRA and Ed Jobs have added additional work processing payments but no additional staff.

ARRA State Fiscal Stabilization Funds (SFSF) and Ed Jobs: Final Reports must be submitted by August 15, 2011 in order to have payments processed by the end of the fiscal year (August 30). All other ARRA funds (except the ARRA SIG funds) must have a Final Report by September 30, 2011. This includes Title I, IDEA, Technology, McKinney Vento, etc. There is no carryover of ARRA funds.

NSSRS and CDC Data Submissions Due June 30

Contact: NDE Helpdesk (888-285-0556 or nde.helpdesk@nebraska.gov)

The June 30 deadline for NSSRS and CDC data submissions and approvals is fast approaching.
REMINDER: Each CDC collection requires approval as does the “Year-end 2010-2011” collection within NSSRS Data Manager. As of today, 53 districts have not yet submitted student courses completed and grades earned via the Student Grades template, which is a requirement of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

SOSR Preview 2011: Staff Data Now Available

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The 2010-2011 SOSR Preview now includes the Staff data: Teacher Count, Race/Ethnicity, Master’s Degrees, Experience, Teacher Salary, and Teacher Qualifications. The High School Curriculum link will now be displayed at the school level.

SOSR Preview is accessed via the NDE Portal by selecting the “Preview: State of the Schools Report 2010-2011” link on the “Data Collections” tab. As in the past, the SOSR Preview will continue to be updated daily to reflect data submitted the prior day.

2010-2011 Statistics and Fact about Nebraska Schools Now Available

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The 2010-2011 version of the annual “Statistics and Facts about Nebraska Schools” was published June 21, 2011. A copy can be downloaded from either the “District and School Information” Quick Facts section of the public Data Reporting System

(<http://drs.education.ne.gov/quickfacts/Pages/DistrictandSchoolInformation.aspx>) or the NDE Data Services “Data and Information” web page (http://www.education.ne.gov/dataservices/Data_and_Information.html).

NSSRS: 2011 “NeSA-Reading and NeSA-Math Roster Review” Verification Reports

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The “NeSA-Reading Roster Review” and the “NeSA-Math Roster Review” verification reports containing 2011 information are now available within NSSRS Validation, which is accessed via the NDE Portal. The “NeSA-Reading Roster Review” and the “NeSA-Math Roster Review” verification reports are located on the Verification Reports page within the Student Reports category of Assessment. By clicking on the “View Report” link, schools will be able to view the demographic information currently associated with each student who has some type of result from the district. An up-to-date Student template may need to be submitted to NSSRS if changes to a student’s demographic information are necessary. If necessary, special education subgroup changes are accomplished by submitting an updated Special Education Snapshot template.